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 IN RE APPLICATION OF: Bettina MOECKEL, et al.
 SERIAL NO: 09/887,052
 FILED: June 25, 2001
 FOR: NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES WHICH CODE FOR THE rpoB GENE



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 Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Request for Reconsideration w/Marked-Up Copy in the above-identified application.

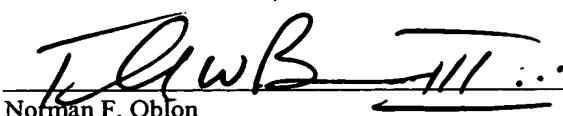
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- Additional documents filed herewith: Information Disclosure Statatement w/PTO Form 1449; Cited References (1)

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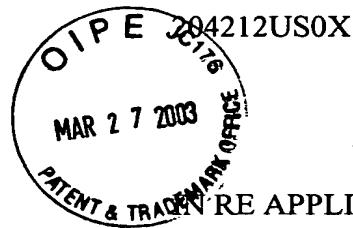

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks. Further, in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, Applicants submit herewith a copy of a reference that is cited on the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement demonstrating the "activity of the β -subunit of RNA polymerase B".

IN THE CLAIMS

~~Please cancel Claims 5, 37, and 39.~~

Please amend the claims as follows.

--2. (Amended) The isolated polynucleotide of Claim 1, wherein said protein has an activity of the β -subunit of RNA polymerase B.

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